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Sent: Wed 6/24/2015 3:05:26 PM
Subject: RE: EPA FOIA Request R2-2015-006301 re: Lower Passaic River Study
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Rob,

I wanted to let you know about a wrinkle with the documents that we've retrieved for you. The cost documentation for GRB Environmental Services, Inc., which was the R2 Superfund Records Management Support contractor for the period of time covered by your FOIA request, consists of invoice approval information for each invoice, attached to which is a labor and hours report. The labor and hours reports include labor rates, which EPA typically redacts as it is considered confidential business information. We will certainly do this if you would like to have the labor and hours reports, but it will take some addition time, so before we embark on that exercise I am sending you an example of an invoice approval package and the labor and hours back up for just one invoice.

Could you let me know if you would be satisfied with just the first part (the invoice approval), or if you consider the labor and hours portion responsive to your request as well?

Thanks.

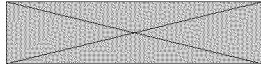
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To: Flanagan, Sarah
Cc: Ferreras-DeJesus, Jacqueline; Yeh, Alice; Monsen, Dawn M.
Subject: RE: EPA FOIA Request R2-2015-006301 re: Lower Passaic River Study

Thank you very much.



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Rob,

Thank you. We expect to release another group of documents this week (the USACE vouchers). The other documents should be released by June 26, 2015 at the latest.

-Sarah

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Saran,

Attached is the express mail label and check PDF. It was inadvertently left off my original e-mail.

Thanks.

Rob

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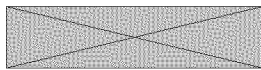
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Good Morning Sarah,

Thank you for alerting me to the fact that the invoice for EPA-R2-2014-006476 is still open. After investigating the issue I found the invoice was pending payment in our accounting system. I arranged for the check to be issued and sent into EPA FOIA Payments in St. Louis, MO VIA USPS Express Mail in the amount of \$2,116.75 which includes interest and fees. Attached is a PDF image of the express mail label and the check. I apologize for this delay. The Cooperating Parties Group will also authorize payment to EPA for additional costs beyond the initial \$500.00 FOIA cost cap in responding to EPA FOIA Request R2-2015-006301. Let me know if there any further issues.

Thank you.

Rob



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Rob,

Two issues that I would like to raise with you.

1. I am told that the invoice for EPA-R2-2014-006476 is still open. I understand this was transmitted by FOIAonline in mid-April and is past due. Could you please advise me of the status of this payment? The original amount of the invoice was \$2,100.

2. In addition to the USACE vouchers for the costs reflected in the SCORPRIOS reports, we have identified documents supporting the following contracts:

- a. GRB Environmental Services (file room contractor)
- b. Passaic River Coalition (Technical Advisory Grant recipient)

However, Region 2 is has reached the \$500 cost cap in your FOIA request. Reviewing and formatting these documents for release is expected to take another 5-6 hours (i.e., \$140 - \$168).

Please let me know (a) when EPA will receive payment for the outstanding invoice and (b) if you authorize EPA to incur additional costs beyond the \$500 for the continued document review/release.

Thanks

-Sarah

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Rob,

This is to let you know that we are reviewing additional information responsive to your FOIA request - US Army Corps of Engineers vouchers for the charges in the SCORPIOS Reports that we provided on May 14, 2015. We should be able to release them this week.

We need to complete our search for back up information for the other contracts that appear in the SCORPIOS reports. I will give you a further status report on that by the end of the week. We

may need to ask for a higher cost cap for that efforts, in particular because of the large number of invoices under GRB Environmental Services, Inc., our records management contract during the covered period.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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To: Ferreras-DeJesus, Jacqueline
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Certainly,

Attached is the complete FOIA request in PDF form I also modified the request by adding the complete language of the FOIA as the fourth attachment. Please let me know if you need anything further. Thanks.

From: Ferreras-DeJesus, Jacqueline [<mailto:Ferreras-DeJesus.Jacqueline@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 2:23 PM
To: La Gravenis, Robert Paul
Cc: Flanagan, Sarah
Subject: EPA FOIA Request R2-2015-006301 re: Lower Passaic River Study

Dear Mr. Lagravenis—

The modified description of your request dated 4/24/2015 regarding the Lower Passaic River Study Area Portion of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, Administrative Order on Consent, CERCLA Docket No.: 02-2004-2011 has been cut off most likely due to a glitch in the system and we are unable to read the full description in its entirety. Can you pls. respond to this email and send us the full description of your submitted modified request?

Thank you,

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